

Hampton Players Present Top Hit in 'Sabrina Fair'

By MILDRED HUNT

The only flaw in the entertaining play, "Sabrina Fair" presented by Hampton Players last Friday evening in their opening performance at Redondo High School auditorium was the lack of a full house audience.

Too small an audience watched an excellent selection of local thespians blend their talents in a seemingly effortless manner in dramatizing the interesting parade of events in the life of a love-hungry girl.

Drama, punctuated with comedy, ran high from the opening scene after the theatre had been completely darkened and the curtain raised revealing a half-darkened stage where a soft ray of light outlines a young girl sitting on a garden wall who relates the high points of the early life of Sabrina whom the play is built around, to the final scene in the same impressive garden bright with flowers and sunlight overlooking the blue waters of Long Island Sound.

It was hard to understand as I watched the performers and the uniquely detailed set, that so few people of this community attend these fine productions. More appreciative interest should be shown. Instead of the back rows of empty seats, there should have been the ringing sound of the ushers' voices in the lobby announcing "standing room only." The Hampton Players who are known for their wise selection of plays and tireless effort in presenting the dramas in their best form, should get the full support of the community.

So naturally and smoothly did the cast perform as a unit that it is difficult to pick any one of them as outstanding in any one particular part. The nonchalant manner in which each member of the cast spoke their lines and enacted their part is theatre at its very best. This was even true of the times when each performer took turns in letting down their hair regarding their emotions and reactions to transpiring events centering around Sabrina who at times was rather moody over the fact she had lived an uneventful life and that she had large feet.

How Dorothy Tunk, who played the part of the silver-haired mother, can change her entire appearance from one play

to another is something akin to magic.

Ed Siant and Gene Field who play the part of brothers of a wealthy family, shown genuine talent supported by enough naturalness of manner to make their roles interesting to follow. Dominica Hauser as the worldly-wise aunt who publishes a magazine, puts just the right emphasis on her part.

The harem-scarem Sabrina, effectively played by Mary Woodson, hits a high note of drama when she hits one of the wealthy brothers in the stomach with a hat-box after he immediately recognized her after a long absence and she had gone to great pains to glamorize her appearance while living in Paris for five years.

Carl Rogers plays the part of the head of the wealthy family as though he had actually lived it. His main interest in life is his declining years was attending funerals which he either criticized or praised. Bob Schultz, taking the place of Hugh Root, played the part of the gray-haired chauffeur-who-knows-his-place and is the father of Sabrina.

Taking center stage in one scene was the appearance of an all white cockatoo, provided by the Palos Verdes Bird Farm. The bird, safely contained in a large bird cage, was presented to Mrs. Larabee, the mother, by Sabrina who had brought the bird from Paris.

Other members of the cast taking minor roles were Miriam and Bruce Wilson, Trudy Eustace, Joyce Poole, John Rotolante, Lorene Ledwidge and Monte Millard. Highlight of the play was the wardrobe of the cast which included exquisitely styled evening gowns.

The production will be repeated this Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 p.m., at the Redondo High School auditorium. It rates a full house audience.

The Stork Story

Billy daughter and first child of Mr. and Mrs. James V. Humble, of 1400 W. 1st St., is Paris Jean, who joined her parents on Feb. 3, at 7:05 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Her birth weight was 6 lbs., 11 oz. Grandparents are Mrs. N. S. Lane, of Compton, Calif., and Mrs. Max Humble, of Mobile, Ala.

Donna Jo is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnegrove, of 4064 Cadison St. The 8 lbs., 2 1/2 oz. baby arrived Feb. 3 at 9:20 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeil of Westminster.

New son and heir for Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shortridge Jr., of 2915 Farroll Ave., is Michael Edwin, who balanced the scales at 9 lbs., 14 1/2 oz., when he arrived at Torrance Memorial Hospital on Feb. 2, at 5:42 a.m. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shortridge Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Meador, of Compton.

Balancing the scales at an even 6 lbs., 6 oz. was the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alvarado, of 1545 W. 23rd St., when the young man arrived Feb. 2, at Torrance Memorial Hospital. His entry was timed at 8:23 and he will later answer to the name of Frank Louis. Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Alvarado, of Torrance, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Sauvageau, of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Conze of 24053 Ocean Ave., welcomed their third child in the 7 lb. person of Bruce Lee, who arrived Feb. 4, at 4:34 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Hospital. At home he joins sister, Nancy Lee, 14, and brother, Charles Loren, 3 1/2. Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry McElfresh; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Couze of Waverly, and Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, of Los Angeles.

Now baby daughter and first child for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams Davis, of 204045 Raymond Ave., is Cindy Ann, who balanced the scales at Torrance Memorial Hospital at a lady-like 6 lbs., 14 1/2 oz., when she arrived Feb. 5, Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams and Tossy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Smith of Hawthorne welcomed their first child, a son, at Torrance Memorial Hospital on Feb. 6 at 8:26. The 8 lb., 6 1/2 oz. boy will answer to the name of Kyle Whitner. He is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Gallison and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Camp Smith, all of Hawthorne.

Robin Bruce is the fourth child (second son) for Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Max Govever of 1726 Cadison Ave. He entered Feb. 6 at 3:22 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 5 lb., 24 oz. newcomer is brother to Bon-

nie Jo, 13; Peggy Lee, 8, and Teddy Max Jr., 5 1/2. Redondo Beach grandparents are Margaret Aitken and Warren Gerner; George Aitken of Las Vegas, and Lee Gerner of Oklahoma.

A Feb. 2 arrival at Torrance Memorial Hospital was David Wayne, first child for Rev. and Mrs. Billy D. Guthrie of Hawthorne. The young man was doctored in at 4:57 a.m. and balanced the scales at 8 lbs., 10 oz. Wilmington grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Preston and Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Guthrie of Pawnee, Okla.

Sandra Lee, 11, and Linda Lou, 6, are telling playmates about a new baby brother who joined their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Childers, of 3099 Palos Verdes Dr., N., on Feb. 10 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 7 lb., 15-oz. young man will later answer to the name of Howard Dabney. Los Angeles grandmother is Mrs. Charles L. Childers and Texas grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Geover C. Blanchard of San Antonio.

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An unusually large group was present last Thursday evening when Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, met for the first time in the lovely new Masonic Temple on Cabrillo Ave. The occasion also marked the official visit of Deputy Grand Matron Beatrice LaFrance.

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Patron Edward Morgan, and Worthy Matron Dorothy Fyken presided. Special escort was given to the deputy grand matron and she also received the grand honors. Past Grand Matron Bertie Y. Todd Connolly was also escorted and given the grand honors.

Worthy matrons and worthy patrons who were escorted and presented were: Ella Franz and James Pressley, of San Pedro Harbor chapter; Dorothy Sawyer and James Bates, of Point Firmin chapter; Isabel Benham and Fred Cain, of Wilmington chapter; Phyllis Hamilton and Oliver Hamilton, of Lomita

chapter, and Art Lillegraven, of Playa Linda chapter. Thirty past matrons and 14 past patrons of this and other grand jurisdictions were also escorted and presented. Associate Patron Frank Thompson introduced the many visitors on the sidelines.

During the evening two new members were initiated into the chapter. Florence Viellenave, past matron, was chairman of the social hour which followed the business session. The colors of the deputy grand matron, royal amethyst and acaia, were carried out in floral centerpieces, place mats, and nut cups. Place cards marking officers' table had miniature dolls dressed in the two colors. Delicious refreshments were served by the chairman and her committee who were members of the Past Matrons' club of the chapter. Each past matron wore an apron trimmed with the colors of her year.

P T A ACTIVITIES

Narbonne

Mrs. D. G. Cheek of 1534 287th St., Harbor City was elected president of Narbonne High PTA at the annual election meeting held Tuesday in the Little Theater. She will succeed Mrs. John Blackmon at the close of the school year in June.

Others elected to complete the list of officers were: Mrs. C. I. Wilson, first vice president; Miss Elizabeth Parks, second vice president; Mrs. William Tregarthen, secretary; Mrs. A. J. Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. T. C. Myron, auditor, and Mrs. Frank Mickunas, historian.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson, program chairman, introduced Miss Alice Sturdy who presented a group of boys in both vocal and instrumental musical selections. Mrs. W. Cooper spoke on emphasizing spiritual and moral education through the physical education classes and Mrs. Grace Carter told how these traits were emphasized in the home economic classes. Mrs. A. C. Akeron narrated while slides were shown of the new Tenth District PTA Health Center.

A report was given on the successful paper and rag drive. Four tons of rags and 50 tons of paper were collected. May Lou Morales and Charles Carter for the greatest amounts collected. The proceeds will be divided equally between the school and PTA.

Hostesses of the afternoon tea were the mothers of 259th Place School.

North High

Executive board of North High PTA met at the school, Tuesday, March 20, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. A. B. Cowie, president, announced that a leaflet from the school board concerning proposition No. 9 on the ballot for the April 10 election, will be sent to all parents. She also made the announcement of the 33rd district meeting scheduled for April 26 at the Long Beach Civic Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Selected to attend from the group were Mr. Carl Abee, Mrs. C. Thompson, Mrs. J. Bergando, and Mrs. Cowie.

Mrs. H. Allen was appointed to investigate the need for a chess club or class at the ninth grade level.

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El Nido

A Pre-kindergarten Roundup will be held at the El Nido school on Monday, April 9 and Thursday, April 12. Registration and health examination for all new kindergarten pupils will be held. Children must be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1956. They must also bring birth certificates to verify their ages. All parents are asked to contact the school for appointments.

El Nido PTA members will be present to welcome the new students and parents.

HOWARD WOOD

The home of Mrs. Ralph Engstrom, 1804-244th Street, was the scene of the regular board meeting of the Howard Wood PTA. Reports were given by the Library, Parent Education and Ways and Means Chairmen.

April 5 was set as the date for the next Association meeting. The program will feature Miss Kiyoko Tekeuchi, former Howard Wood graduate, who will speak on the subject of "Let's Practice Democracy." Sixth grade mothers will be hostesses.

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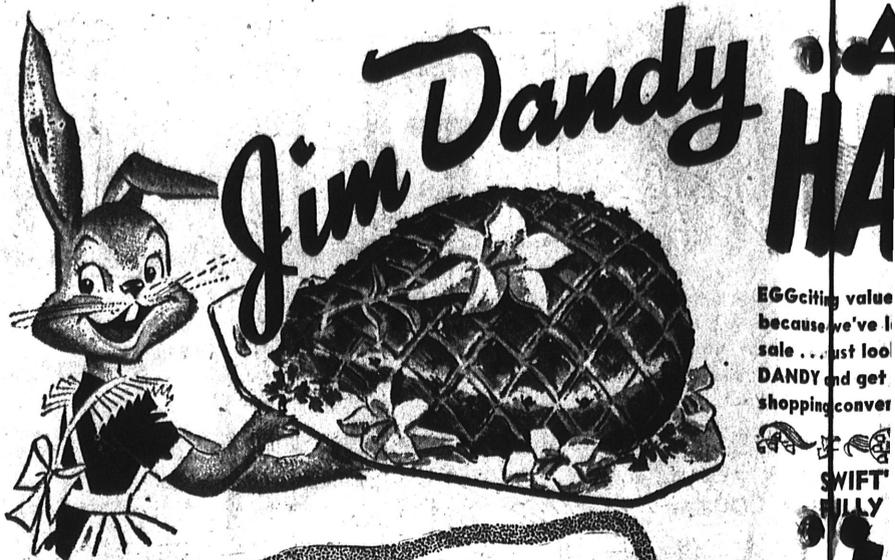
Officers for the school year 1956-57, were elected at the meeting of the 186th St. PTA. They are Mrs. Herman Elnsbels, president for the second year; Mrs. Guy Cels, second vice president; Mrs. Floyd Beech, second vice president; Mrs. Walter S. Stewart, secretary; Mrs. Billie Lewis, treasurer; Mrs. Curtis Earles, auditor, and Mrs. Hugh Allen, historian.

The slate of new officers were presented by Mrs. J. T. Evans Jr., chairman of the nominating committee.

Delegates were also elected for Council and 10th District elections. Recommendations were made to have an Easter party for the children the last day of school to buy plants for the new auditorium and curtains for the teachers' room.

Miss Evelyn Buckley, second grade teacher, acted as program chairman. Mrs. Robert Melhorn led the pledge of allegiance and Mrs. Floyd Beech gave the inspirational message.

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